<u>Listing of Claims</u>:

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1. (Currently Amended) A connecting terminal including comprising:

a connecting portion formed in a rectangular tube having a top plate to which a locking lancer provided in a housing is to be engaged when the connecting terminal is arranged in the housing, wherein and

a stabilizer portion for stabilizing a posture of the connecting terminal within the housing is provided on a bottom plate of said connecting portion to extend in a longitudinal direction and engaging with a recess provided at a bottom portion of the housing when the connecting terminal is arranged in the housing,

wherein said stabilizer portion is curved downwardly in a semicircular shape from one portion of said bottom plate such that a free end of said stabilizer portion is brought into contact with another portion of said bottom plate.

2. (Original) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting terminal is formed by punching, bending and folding a single metal plate.

- 3. (Original) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said stabilizer is formed on the bottom plate eccentrically.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of [[a]] the rectangular tube surrounded defined by the bottom plate, the top plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate [[, a]] and to the top plate connected to the first side plate, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.
 - 5. (Canceled).

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- 6. (Original) The connecting terminal according to claim 1, wherein said connecting portion includes resilient contact strips formed within the connecting portion, and each of said movable contact strips is formed by a part of the connecting portion from a rear side toward a front side.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 2, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting

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terminal is formed in a shape of [[a]] the rectangular tube surrounded defined by the bottom plate, the top plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate [[, a]] and to the top plate connected to the first side plate, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

8. (Currently Amended) The connecting terminal according to claim 3, wherein said connecting portion of the connecting terminal is formed in a shape of [[a]] the rectangular tube surrounded defined by the bottom plate, the top plate, a first side plate connected to one side of the bottom plate [[, a]] and to the top plate connected to the first side plate, a second side plate connected to the top plate, and the stabilizer portion connected to the second side plate.

Claims 9-13 (Canceled).